4. Twenty-five wetlands in India have been declared as wetlands of international importance (Ramsar sites).

5. India is a signatory to Ramsar Convention and Convention on Migratory species.

6. Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, with a network of five Regional and three Sub Regional Offices, has been set up to control wildlife crimes.

7. Financial support is being provided under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes – *Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries, Project Tiger and Project Elephant*, to State/UT Governments for the conservation and development of wildlife and its habitats, including those of migratory birds.

Per capita expenditure on forests and environment

2512. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRA SEKHAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total forest area coverage at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total per acre allocation for forest reserves in the country over the last five years;

(c) whether this allocation has been on the increase or decrease; and

(d) India's per capita expenditure on forests and environment over the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The State-wise forest cover in the country as per 2003 assessment made by Forest Survey of India by interpretation of satellite data is given as under:

Area in Km^2

State/Uts	Geographic Area	Forest Cover
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	275,069	44,419
Arunachal Pradesh	83,743	68,019
Assam	78,438	27,826
Bihar	94,163	5,558
Chhattisgarh	135,191	55,998
Delhi	1,483	170
Goa	3,702	2,156
Gujarat	196,022	14,946
Haryana	44,212	1,517

1	2	3
Himachal Pradesh	55,673	14,353
Jammu and Kashmir	222,236	21,267
Jharkhand	79,714	22,716
Karnataka	191,791	36,449
Kerala	38,863	15,577
Madhya Pradesh	308,245	76,429
Maharashtra	307,713	46,865
Manipur	22,327	17,219
Meghalaya	22,429	16,839
Mizoram	21,081	18,430
Nagaland	16,579	13,609
Orissa	155,707	48,366
Punjab	50,362	1,580
Rajasthan	342,239	15,826
Sikkim	7,096	3,262
Tamil Nadu	130,058	22,643
Tripura	10,486	8,093
Uttar Pradesh	240,928	14,118
Uttarakhand	53,483	24,465
West Bengal	88,752	12,343
Andaman and Nikobar	8,249	6,964
Chandigarh	114	15
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	491	225
Daman and Diu	112	8
Lakshadweep	32	23
Pondicherry	480	40
TOTAL:	3,287,263	678,333

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.